

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

November 15, 2021 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Be it remembered that the Cumberland County Commission met in monthly session on Monday, November 15, 2021 at the courthouse in Crossville, Tennessee. Sheriff Deputy Ray Seiber called the meeting to order at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Present and presiding was Mayor Allen Foster who invited Tim Chesson of Faith and Worship Center to deliver the invocation. The Young Marines led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Also present at this meeting were County Clerk Jule Bryson, Finance Director Nathan Brock, County Attorney Philip Burnett, and the following County Commissioners:

Chad Norris (ABSENT)	Sue Ann York
Kyle Davis (ABSENT)	Nancy Hyder
Rebecca Stone	Darrell Threet
David Gibson	Charles Seiber
Jack Davis (ABSENT)	Terry Lowe
Wendell Wilson	Joseph Sherrill
Mark Baldwin	Jerry Cooper
Jim Blalock (ABSENT)	Deborah Holbrook
Colleen Mall	John Patterson

A quorum being present, the Cumberland County Commission Meeting was opened in due form of law and the following proceedings were had to wit:

1. APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED NOVEMBER 15, 2021 COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA:

On motion of Commissioner Gibson to accept the amended agenda sending resolution 11-2021-5 back to committee, second by Commissioner York moved the amended agenda of the November 15, 2021 Commission meeting be approved. The motion to approve the amended agenda carried by unanimous roll call vote from the Commissioners present.

2. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2021 REGULAR SESSION CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING:

On motion of Commissioner Hyder, second by Commissioner Stone, moved to approve October 18, 2021 Commission Meeting Minutes as presented at the November 15, 2021 meeting, make a matter of record and file as presented. The motion to approve the minutes carried by voice vote from the Commissioners present.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

Mayor Foster congratulated Solid Waste Director Conrad Welch and the Sanitation Department on being awarded a Success Story Award from the TCSA in recycling for their great work. Commissioner Holbrook mentioned that the Veterans Park beside the Town Hall in Pleasant Hill is now open if anyone would want to visit the site. Commissioner Stone commended all Cumberland County department heads for the perfect score on our annual State of Tennessee audit.

3. RESOLUTION 11-2021-1 – TO APPROVE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MILITARY MEMORIAL MUSEUM OF UPPER CUMBERLAND, INC. AND CUMBERLAND COUNTY:

On motion of Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner Mall moved to adopt resolution 11-2021-1.

The motion to adopt resolution 11-2021-1, approving the lease agreement for the building where the Military Memorial Museum of Upper Cumberland, Inc. is located, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the Commissioners present.

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4. RESOLUTION 11-2021-2 –TO APPROVE LEASE AGREEMENT BEWEEN THE MILITARY MEMORIAL MUSEUM OF UPPER CUMBERLAND, INC. AND CUMBERLAND COUNTY:

On motion of Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner Mall moved to adopt resolution 11-2021-2.

The motion to adopt resolution 11-2021-2, approving the lease agreement for the office for Military Memorial Museum of Upper Cumberland, Inc. located in the space adjacent to the Veterans Services office in the Cumberland County Courthouse, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the Commissioners present.

5. RESOLUTION 11-2021-3 - TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE:

On motion of Commissioner Seiber, second by Commissioner Stone moved to adopt resolution 11-2021-3.

The motion to adopt resolution 11-2021-3, re-appointing Patrick Garrison and Matthew Kirkland each to a four (4) year term expiring November 30, 2025 on the Cumberland County Wildlife and Fisheries Committee, carried by a roll call vote from the Commission present with Commissioner Gibson abstaining from the vote.

6. RESOLUTION 11-2021-4 – AGREEMENT BETWEEN CUMBERLAND COUNTY AND THE RENEGADE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CLUB CONCERNING DELINQUENT TAX LOTS:

On motion of Commissioner Hyder, second by Commissioner Sherrill moved to adopt resolution 11-2021-4.

Discussion: Commissioner Wilson asked Attorney Philip Burnett to give his review of this resolution. Burnett stated that this is a win win situation between Cumberland County and the RMCC. This is the best case scenario without having the State Legislature change the situation. This is the third agreement our county has with different Property Owner Associations.

The motion to adopt resolution 11-2021-4, approving the formal agreement whereby Cumberland County will not be liable for assessments payable on parcels currently owned by or subsequently purchased, in exchange for among other things, Renegade Mountain Community Club being able to acquire any desired parcels from Cumberland County at no cost, except for the costs and fees incurred by the County as itemized, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the Commissioners present.

7. RESOLUTION 11-2021-5 – TO PURCHASE NEW PROPERTY TO RELOCATE WOODY CONVENIENCE CENTER:

On motion of Commissioner Hyder, second by Commissioner York moved to send resolution 11-2021-5 back to Committee.

The motion to send resolution 11-2021-5 back to committee for further review carried by a voice vote from the Commissioners present.

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NOTE: THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL FUND RESOLUTIONS WERE BUNDLED TOGETHER AND VOTED ON AS A WHOLE: 11-2021-6, 11-2021-7, 11-2021-8, 11-2021-9, 11-2021-10.

8. RESOLUTION 11-2021-6 – BUDGET AMENDMENT, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND, SPDG RE-ENGAGEMENT GRANT \$9,999.00:

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Holbrook moved to adopt resolution 11-2021-6.

The motion to adopt resolution 11-2021-6, approving General School Fund budget amendment to receive the State Personnel Development Re-Engagement Grant in the amount of \$9,999.00, carried by a roll call vote of (13) thirteen ayes from Commissioners York, Hyder, Stone, Threet, Gibson, Seiber Lowe, Wilson, Sherrill, Baldwin, Holbrook, Mall and Patterson and one (1) abstain from Commissioner Cooper.

9. RESOLUTION 11-2021-7 – BUDGET AMENDMENT, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND, LITERACY TRAINING STIPEND GRANT \$51,000.00:

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Holbrook moved to adopt the resolution 11-2021-7.

The motion to adopt resolution 11-2021-7, approving General School Fund budget amendment to receive the state Literacy Training Stipend Grant to pay teachers completing the state literacy training in the amount of \$51,000.00, carried by a roll call vote of (13) thirteen ayes from Commissioners York, Hyder, Stone, Threet, Gibson, Seiber Lowe, Wilson, Sherrill, Baldwin, Holbrook, Mall and Patterson and one (1) abstain from Commissioner Cooper.

10. RESOLUTION 11-2021-8 –BUDGET AMENDMENT, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND, STATE HYBRID-STABILIZATION RETIREMENT RESOLUTION\$109,496.82:

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Holbrook moved to adopt the resolution 11-2021-8.

The motion to adopt resolution 11-2021-8, approving General School Fund budget amendment for State Hybrid-Stabilization Retirement Resolution in the amount of \$109,496.82, carried by a roll call vote of (13) thirteen ayes from Commissioners York, Hyder, Stone, Threet, Gibson, Seiber Lowe, Wilson, Sherrill, Baldwin, Holbrook, Mall and Patterson and one (1) abstain from Commissioner Cooper.

11. RESOLUTION 11-2021-9 - BUDGET AMENDMENT, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND, SAFE SCHOOLS GRANT \$133,651.00:

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Holbrook moved to adopt the resolution 11-2021-9.

The motion to adopt resolution 11-2021-9, approving General School Fund budget amendment for state Safe Schools grant and the monies will be used to support a portion of the mental health counselors and physical security improvement in the amount of \$133,651.00, carried by a roll call vote of (13) thirteen ayes from Commissioners York, Hyder, Stone, Threet, Gibson, Seiber Lowe, Wilson, Sherrill, Baldwin, Holbrook, Mall and Patterson and one (1) abstain from Commissioner Cooper.

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12. RESOLUTION 11-2021-10 –BUDGET AMENDMENT, 142 SCHOOL FEDERAL PROGRAMS

\$14,416,392.99:

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Holbrook moved to adopt the resolution 11-2021-10.

The motion to adopt resolution 11-2021-10, approving General School Fund budget amendment for 142 School Federal Programs Budget Summery changes in the amount of \$14,416,392.99, carried by a roll call vote of (13) thirteen ayes from Commissioners York, Hyder, Stone, Threet, Gibson, Seiber Lowe, Wilson, Sherrill, Baldwin, Holbrook, Mall and Patterson and one (1) abstain from Commissioner Cooper.

13. RESOLUTION 11-2021-11 –BUDGET AMENDMENT, GENERAL FUND, SHERIFF \$10,000.00:

On motion of Commissioner Sherrill, second by Commissioner Cooper moved to adopt the resolution 11-2021-11.

The motion to adopt resolution 11-2021-11, approving the General Fund budget amendment receiving a donation earmarked to be used at the Sheriff's discretion for use and benefit of the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$10,000.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote of from the Commissioners present .

14. RESOLUTION 11-2021-12 –BUDGET AMENDMENT, GENERAL FUND, AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT, ART CIRCLE PUBLIC LIBRARY \$25,661.00:

On motion of Commissioner Hyder, second by Commissioner Holbrook moved to adopt the resolution 11-2021-12.

The motion to adopt resolution 11-2021-12, approving the General Fund budget amendment for Art Circle Public Library American Rescue Plan Act grant in the amount of \$25,661.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote of from the Commissioners present.

15. RESOLUTION 11-2021-13 –BUDGET AMENDMENT, GENERAL FUND, JAIL \$34,400.00:

On motion of Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner Sherrill moved to adopt the resolution 11-2021-13.

The motion to adopt resolution 11-2021-13, approving the General Fund budget amendment for replacing food steamer equipment at the Cumberland County Jail in the amount of \$34,400.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote of from the Commissioners present.

16. RESOLUTION 11-2021-14 –BUDGET AMENDMENT, GENERAL FUND, COUNTY COMMISSION \$35,000.00:

On motion of Commissioner Gibson, second by Commissioner York moved to adopt the resolution 11-2021-14.

The motion to adopt resolution 11-2021-14, approving the General Fund budget amendment for new central fuel system dispensing equipment in the amount of \$35,000.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote of from the Commissioners present.

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17. RESOLUTION 11-2021-15 –TO ADOPT A REDISTRICTING PLAN FOR CUMBERLAND COUNTY:

On motion of Commissioner Stone, second by Commissioner Hyder moved to adopt the resolution 11-2021-15.

Discussion: Commissioner Wilson stated that the Redistricting Committee worked hard through the different scenarios of redistricting. Ben Rogers from the CTAS worked along with the redistricting committee of the county and Election Commissioner Jill Davis worked numerous hours on the details of this plan. Commissioner Wilson also stated that he felt that they as a committee had done their due diligence. Mayor Foster commended the committee's effort toward putting this plan together

The motion to adopt resolution 11-2021-15, adopting a redistricting plan for Cumberland County which provides two (2) commissioners in each of the nine (9) districts for a total county legislative body of eighteen (18) members, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the Commissioners present.

COUNTY OFFICIAL REPORT; FINANCE DIRECTOR NATHAN BROCK:

Commissioners received the monthly financial report from Finance Director Brock detailing the October 2021 revenue collections for the County in ambulance service, sales tax, property tax, hotel/motel tax, and prisoner boarding.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT; PHILIP BURNETT:

County Attorney Burnett reported that mediation is pending in a case involving the Sherriff's Department to be held December 2021. He stated that they strongly disagree with the allegations but are always willing to go in and mediate to get a step closer to potentially getting the case settled. Otherwise, no other new cases at this point.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Stone and Mayor Foster attended a conference in Memphis recently. In that conference they learned that the state is revamping the BEP funds for the school systems across the state. The School and Education committee met recently with Director of Schools, Dr. Ina Maxwell regarding the concerns for the restructuring of the BEP funds. Commissioner Wilson urged the Commissioners to attend a public meeting the State Department will host in Jackson County at Jackson County Middle School on Tuesday, November 30, 2021. There will be a short meeting in room 310 at 4:00 PM to approve the minutes of the previous School and Education Committee meeting before leaving to go to the meeting in Jackson County. Commissioner Patterson stated that he felt that our voices needed to be heard and that the past four (4) Comptrollers stated that our BEP formula is woefully inaccurate. Commissioner Patterson also stated that the commission needed to show support so that our school system is properly funded.

18. ELECTION OF NOTARIES:

On motion of Commissioner Gibson, second by Commissioner Stone moved to elect Jonathan Barnett, Gail Boles, Teresa Boston, Janie L. Burgess, Landon Colvard Jr., Matt Dukes, C. Douglas Fields, Jerry Harris, Ashley Johnson, Callan Brooke Lamoreau, Mckenzie Moss, Kevin D. Poore and Nathan Smith as Notary Publics for the State of Tennessee.

The motion to approve the notaries carried by voice vote from the Commissioners present.

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19. ADJOURNMENT:

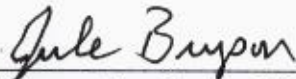
On motion of Commissioner Gibson, second by Commissioner Hyder, moved the November 15, 2021 Commission Meeting to be adjourned at 6:27 o'clock P.M.

The motion to adjourn the meeting carried by voice vote from the Commissioners present.

MINUTES APPROVED FOR ENTRY THIS 20th DAY OF DECEMBER 2021.



Allen Foster, County Mayor
Chairman, Cumberland County Commission



Jule Bryson, Cumberland County Clerk